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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A sleeve mount comprising an interior for accommodating and securing a ~~longitudinally slit, cylindrical sleeve~~ with a longitudinal slit, the sleeve mount provided in a coupling of an optical plug-in connection for accommodating ferrules of two optical plug-in connectors introduced from opposite directions, the sleeve mount having means for securing the sleeve against rotation about a sleeve axis, wherein the means for securing are arranged in a central part of the sleeve mount and are restricted to the central part of the sleeve mount.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 17, wherein the sleeve mount is formed in one piece.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 18, wherein the sleeve mount, in the central part, has a radial bore and a pin projects through the radial bore and into an interior and engages in the slit of the slit sleeve.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 19, wherein the pin is designed to engage in the slit of the slit sleeve without projecting into the interior of the sleeve.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 19, wherein the pin tapers conically at an end and the end engages in the slit.

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Claim 22 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 19, wherein the sleeve mount comprises two coaxial, hollow-cylindrical accommodating parts arranged one behind another, a central part in a form of a flange is arranged between the accommodating parts, and the bore runs within the flange.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 22, wherein the flange has a rectangular peripheral contour, and the bore runs parallel to one of sides of the flange.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 18, wherein the sleeve mount, in a central part, has a protuberance, the protuberance projects into an interior and engages in the slit of the slit sleeve.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 24, wherein the protuberance is of elongate design and extends in a longitudinal direction of the sleeve mount, and the protuberance has a triangular cross section.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 24, wherein the protuberance engages in the slit of the slit sleeve without projecting into the interior of the sleeve.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The sleeve mount according to claim 17, wherein the sleeve mount is made up of two separate accommodating parts, and the means for securing are arranged and retained between the accommodating parts.

Claim 28 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 27, wherein at mutually opposite ends of the accommodating parts, the accommodating parts have flange parts butting against one another when the accommodating parts are put together,

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and the means for securing comprise a securing plate retained in a rotationally secure manner between the flange parts and engaging in the slit of the slit sleeve by way of a protuberance.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 28, wherein the flange parts contain depressions for accommodating the securing plate, and the depressions each have a peripheral contour adapted to a peripheral contour of the securing plate.

Claim 30 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 28, wherein the securing plate has a central opening, the sleeve is plugged through the central opening, and the protuberance is arranged on an inner periphery of the opening.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 28, wherein the protuberance engages in the slit of the slit sleeve without projecting into an interior of the sleeve.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 28, wherein the sleeve mount comprises means for defining the angle-of-rotation orientation provided on the securing plate and the accommodating parts.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 23, wherein the peripheral contour is square.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 29, wherein the peripheral contour allows radial play.

Claim 35 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 32, wherein the means for defining the angle-of-rotation orientation are bevels.

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Claim 36 (Currently Amended): A sleeve mount comprising an interior for accommodating and securing a ~~longitudinally slit, cylindrical sleeve~~ with a longitudinal slit, the sleeve mount provided in a coupling of an optical plug-in connection for accommodating ferrules of two optical plug-in connectors introduced from opposite directions, the sleeve mount having means for securing the sleeve against rotation about a sleeve axis, wherein the means for securing are arranged in a central part of the sleeve mount and are restricted to the central part of the sleeve mount, and wherein the means for securing are designed to engage in a slit of the longitudinally slit, cylindrical sleeve.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The sleeve mount according to claim 36, wherein the sleeve mount is made up of two separate accommodating parts, and the means for securing are arranged and retained between the accommodating parts.

Claim 38 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 37, wherein at mutually opposite ends of the accommodating parts, the accommodating parts have flange parts butting against one another when the accommodating parts are put together, and the means for securing comprise a securing plate retained in a rotationally secure manner between the flange parts and engaging in the slit of the slit sleeve by way of a protuberance.

Claim 39 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 38, wherein the flange parts contain depressions for accommodating the securing plate, and the depressions each have a peripheral contour adapted to a peripheral contour of the securing plate.

Claim 40 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 38, wherein the securing plate has a central opening, the sleeve is plugged through the central opening, and the protuberance is arranged on an inner periphery of the opening.

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Claim 41 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 38, wherein the protuberance engages in the slit of the slit sleeve without projecting into an interior of the sleeve.

Claim 42 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 38, wherein the sleeve mount comprises means for defining the angle-of-rotation orientation provided on the securing plate and the accommodating parts.

Claim 43 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 39, wherein the peripheral contour allows radial play.

Claim 44 (Withdrawn): The sleeve mount according to claim 42, wherein the means for defining the angle-of-rotation orientation are bevels.

Claim 45 (New): A sleeve mount comprising an interior for accommodating and securing a cylindrical sleeve with a longitudinal slit, the sleeve mount provided in a coupling of an optical plug-in connection for accommodating ferrules of two optical plug-in connectors introduced from opposite directions, the sleeve mount having means for securing the sleeve against rotation about a sleeve axis, wherein the means for securing are arranged in a central part of the sleeve mount and are restricted to the central part of the sleeve mount, and wherein the means for securing are designed to engage in a slit of the longitudinally slit, cylindrical sleeve, the sleeve mount is made up of two separate accommodating parts, the means for securing are arranged and retained between the accommodating parts and at mutually opposite ends of the accommodating parts, the accommodating parts have flange parts butting against one another when the accommodating parts are put together, and the means for securing comprise a securing plate retained in a rotationally secure manner between the flange parts and engaging in the slit of the slit sleeve by way of a protuberance.